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WEATHER

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High 51
Low 26

Saturday



High 57
Low 27

DON'T FORGET

The sixth annual Brett Cushingberry Memorial Bullriding Competition is Saturday. Look for coverage Monday.



Go to kstatecollegian.com to take a poll regarding the Collegian and its privilege fee funding.

No final answers for SPUB at SGA meeting



Joslyn Brown | COLLEGIAN

Student Senate Chief of Staff Mary Fox, senior in political science and modern languages, speaks against a proposed amendment at the SGA meeting Thursday.

By Steven Miller
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The Big 12 Room bustled with Student Publications Inc. representatives and student senators before a highly anticipated Student Governing Association meeting Thursday night.

As Chair Amy Schultz, senior in biology, tapped the microphone, indicating the meeting would soon begin, excited conversation diminished instantly to a polite whisper.

The open period began with Bruce Shubert, vice president for administration and finance, who gave a pre-

sentation concerning the state's general fund reductions. The proposed percentage decrease has changed from 1 percent to 3 percent since June 2008, and Shubert said the figure amended by the State Senate has just risen to 4.5 percent.

"Another estimate will be made in April for the fiscal year of 2010, which begins July 1st," Shubert said. "We know there are going to be more reductions."

In a somber tone, he detailed how the reductions would affect not only K-State, but other universities in Kansas.

"This will be a very dif-

ferent year because we aren't looking at inflation or increases; instead we're looking at a budget decrease," Shubert said.

Two representatives of Student Publications Inc. concluded the open period by speaking in favor of a bill that would consume debate for the rest of the meeting.

Members of the Collegian staff were present for the final action for legislation that, if passed, would increase the Student Publications Inc. budget by 4 percent in response to rising production costs. This would be an increase of roughly \$16,000.

Linda Puntney, director

of Student Publications Inc., shared information about the agency's current budget.

"Three weeks into the semester we're down \$7,000 in national advertising and \$4,000 in local advertising," Puntney said. "I predict when the budget cut comes to the departments, we will lose a lot of our campus advertisers as well."

Privilege Fee Committee Chair Wayne Stoskopf, junior in agribusiness and speech, introduced the controversial bill by stating that it only passed by one vote within the

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Ballard's out

Presidential finalist withdraws from search

By Tyler Sharp
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

During the past three weeks, each of the candidates for the K-State presidency visited Manhattan. All three participated in forums, met with students and faculty members, and toured the campus.

Then three became two. Steve Ballard, chancellor of East Carolina University and the second finalist to visit K-State, announced Thursday he will remain at the school in Greenville, N.C.

"The simplest reason is that Kansas State just didn't feel as good to me as ECU does," Ballard said in a press release on the East Carolina Web site. "You always learn something interviewing for competitive positions, and this one reminded me what a great place ECU is and how much I like working with the people here."

Ballard visited campus last week. Fred Fairchild, professor of grain science and industry and member of the presidential search committee, said he was caught off guard by the announcement.

"It surprised me some," he said. "But at the same time, in situations like this people make decisions one way or another, and evidently after coming here he chose to withdraw."

The list of finalists is now down to Kirk Schulz, vice president of economic development and research at Mississippi State University, and Robert Kennedy, president of the University of Maine. According to Tuesday's Collegian, candidates recommended by the committee will interview with the Board of Regents on Feb. 9 and 10. The board's final announcement should come in February. Fairchild said little has changed for the committee despite Ballard's withdrawal.

"The committee is charged to present two or three candidates to the Board of Regents for their consideration and selection," he said. "They make the choice, we don't. In the process, if one or two withdraw, that may mean there are one or two presented."



Ballard
ECU CHANCELLOR

MONEY WOES

Students worry about financing education with fewer options



Photo Illustration by Sara Manco | COLLEGIAN

By Elizaveta Zheganina
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A lingering sense of worry and uncertainty persists as some students discover they might need additional assistance to finance their education.

"What I have seen is that with the economic crisis, [students] are more worried now than ever," said Denise Tabb, reception supervisor in the Office of Student Financial Assistance.

While the number of applications for financial aid and foot traffic in the office has stayed the same so far,

the Office of Student Financial Assistance has experienced an increase in the number of students who had already applied for financial assistance, but have discovered they need more help.

"We are seeing a few examples of students who have already applied, but their parents are experiencing additional difficulties – loss of a job, for example," said Larry Moeder, director of student financial assistance and director of admissions. "This is not yet a significant number, but I do anticipate it will increase."

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Fair Trade Advocates promote Third World awareness through sale

By Jacie Noel
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

K-State Fair Trade Advocates will be host to a Fair Trade Valentine's Sale from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. today and Saturday at ECM Crossroads, 1021 Denison Ave.

The sale is a way to raise awareness about the fair trade movement.

Items to be sold at the sale include handmade crafts, textile products such as handbags, cushion covers, woven baskets, bead jewelry and recycled paper stationary.

Chocolate from the fair trade company Equal Exchange will also be sold

with Valentine's Day gifts in mind.

David Jones, Fair Trade Advocates adviser and ECM program director, said the timing for the Valentine's Sale makes sense because chocolate is one of the primary products sold by fair trade organizations and is also one of the most popular Valentine's Day gifts.

"Chocolate on Valentine's Day is always a welcome gift," Jones said. "But fair trade chocolate on Valentine's Day is a value-added gift that benefits your sweetheart and many others in developing communities at the same time."

Torry Dickinson, pro-

fessor of women's studies, said she wants to encourage students and community members to come out to the sale.

"Buying from the sale is not just supporting the artist," she said, "but supporting a whole network as well."

Sarah Mitts, graduate student in business, who initiated the sale, said the items at the sale are from groups supported by a fair trade craft business she and a friend are involved with: AWAZ – A Voice for Empowerment.

Mitts said she has also been working in India for the past year with female ar-

tisans in low-income communities.

"There are many craft traditions in India," she said, "and it's a common income-generating project for many rural communities, aside from agriculture production."

Mitts said she also co-founded Fair Trade Advocates at K-State as a way to help sensitize students on critical issues affecting our world today.

She said global poverty and social inequality are issues that are often ignored in the U.S. She also believes that Third World countries continue to be exploited because of capitalism.



Matt Castro | COLLEGIAN

Fair Trade Advocates help educate students on critical world issues. At their holiday sale in December, members sold various Christmas decorations and ornaments.

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Yesterday's answer 1-30


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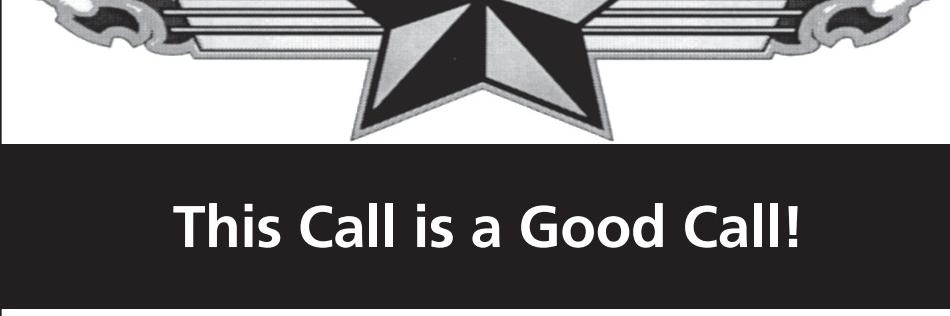
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Wednesday 2/4:
9:30 am - 10:45 (rm 026)

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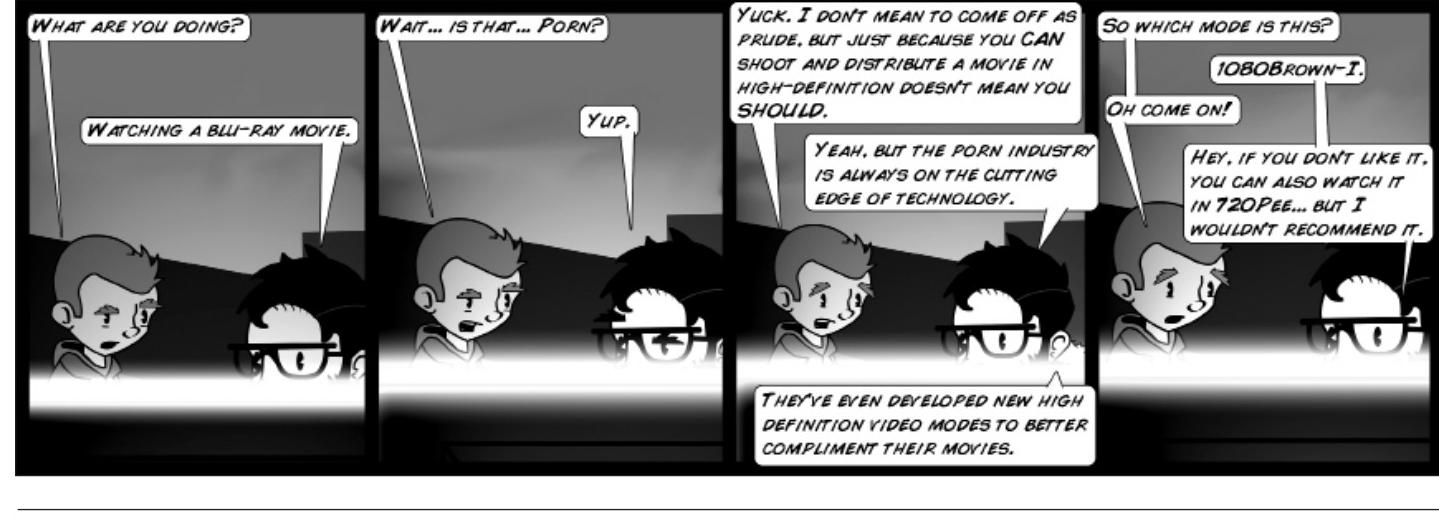
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YOU SUCK | BY NOLAN FABRICIUS AND JEFF BROWN**THE PLANNER****CAMPUS BULLETIN BOARD**

Boy Scout Troop 75 is having its fourth annual spaghetti dinner from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall at 612 Pointz Ave. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children aged 7 to 11. Children 6 and under eat free. Tickets can be bought at the door or by calling 785-776-8821.

Career & Employment Services will sponsor on-campus interviews beginning Monday.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Sreedhar Upendram at 3:30 p.m. Monday in Waters 329. The thesis topic is "Irrigation Scheduling and Crop Choices in Western Kansas."

Intramural entries for wristwrestling and free throw will be accepted Monday-Thursday in the administrative office at Peters Recreation Complex. Sign up as an individual or a team. For more information, call 785-532-6980 or go to www.reservices.ksu.edu.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Lakshminatha Channaiah at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday in Shellenberger 204. The thesis topic is "Polyphasic Characterization of Antibiotic Resistant and Virulent Enterococci Isolated from Animal Feed and Stored-Product Insects."

The Women's Center invites you to stop by its kiosk at the K-State Student Union near the radio station and make a valentine for a soldier in Iraq. The last day to make a valentine is Tuesday, so stop by as soon as you can and spread some love!

Alpha Kappa Psi, the professional co-ed business fraternity, will have an informational meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday in Kedzie 004. The first meeting will be at 6 p.m. Thursday in Kedzie 004.

Recreational Services is offering a Group Fitness Instructor Training Course for individuals interested in instructing group fitness sessions at the Rec Complex. This 8-week course begins Wednesday. For more information, contact Melissa Haug at 785-532-6980.

Applications for Student Alumni Board are now available at the K-State Alumni Center or online at www.k-state.com/sab. There will be an information reception at 4:30 p.m. Thursday at the Alumni Center for anyone interested in finding out more about the group. Applications are due at 5 p.m. Feb. 11 at the Alumni Center.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Christopher Laingen at 3:30 p.m. Feb. 6 in Seaton 132. The thesis topic is "Complex Feedbacks Among

Human and Natural Systems and Pheasant Hunting in South Dakota, USA."

Women on Weights, a free workshop offered by the Rec Complex, will be from noon to 2 p.m. Feb. 8. Participants can learn introductory lifting techniques for women. The workshop will be limited to 30 people, and interested women can sign up in the office at the Rec Complex.

The Disney College Program will give presentations on internships at 5 p.m. Feb. 18 and 12:30 p.m. Feb. 19 in K-State Student Union 213.

A \$500 scholarship for the fall semester for nontraditional students is being offered by the League of Women Voters. The deadline is March 15. Check with the Office of Nontraditional Student Services, Holton 101 or www.ksu.edu/adult/scholarships for more information.

The Planner is the Collegian's bulletin board service. To place an item in the Planner, stop by Kedzie 116 and fill out a form or e-mail news editor Ann Conrad at news@pub.ksu.edu by 11 a.m. two days before it is to run. Some items might not appear because of space constraints but are guaranteed to appear on the day of the activity.

BEST BETS

Your social calendar for the weekend

30 Friday**Fair Trade Valentine's Sale**

11 a.m. to 7 p.m.*
ECM Crossroads, 1021 Denison Ave.

This event will showcase fair trade chocolate and handmade crafts from artisan groups in India, like jewelry, scarves, handbags, woven baskets and more. The K-State Fair Trade Advocates are the sponsor.

*The sale will continue Saturday at the same times and location.

UPC After Hours Wax Hands

8-11 p.m.
K-State Student Union Courtyard
Admission: Free

Generally with After Hours events, your best bet is to get there early. The Union Program Council is this event's sponsor.

31 Saturday**Russian National Ballet Theatre: Ballet's Greatest Moments**

7:30 p.m.
McCain Auditorium

This McCain Performance Series event will feature stars of the Bolshoi and Kirov Ballets along with other leading dancers from Russia in scenes from "The Sleeping Beauty," "Swan Lake," "Cinderella," "Carmen" and more. For more information, see page 3.

Tickets are \$15 for K-State students and \$30 for the general public. For more information, call 785-532-6428.

1 Sunday**Feature film: 'W'**

'Missionary kids' adjust to U.S. after time overseas

By Shane Bishop
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

In 1988, before the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe, Katie Robinson was at the Hungarian border with her family. Her parents were missionaries, but her father was entering the country under the guise of a greeting card representative looking to start a business within Hungarian borders.

The real reason they were there, though, was to share their faith.

"When my brother was four years old, he would break out into song when we would be walking down the street," Robinson said, sophomore in family studies and human services. "One time, he was singing worship songs in Hungarian and my parents had to make him stop. We could have gotten in trouble. It probably wasn't a huge deal, but we always had to be cautious because we were missionary kids."

During the reign of communism, some areas enforced stiff penalties for encouraging "religious conversion." When the communist regime fell, Robinson's parents were able to proactively engage in their missionary work through Campus Crusade for Christ when there was a sharp rise in AIDS and STDs.

"The Hungarian government found themselves faced with this huge epidemic and they didn't really know how to solve it, so they turned to the religious community for their ideas," Robinson said. "My father had the opportunity to help write a sex education and AIDS prevention curriculum for the public school system."

Robinson said he translated Max Lucado's book 'You are Special' – a children's book about God loving them just the way they are – into Hungarian.

"It was given to every public school teacher, along with the curriculum which contained several biblical references," she said.

Robinson befriended several other missionary children in Hungary, who also eventually moved to the United States, which made the cultural transition a bit easier.

"It was an adjustment. The biggest thing I noticed here is how people make friends," Robinson said. "In Hungary, we would get to know each other deeply at first, and then we felt close and we would hang out. Here it's almost the opposite. You hang out a lot at first, and then get to know each other."

Nathan Sapp also had parents in the missionary field. A 2004 K-State graduate in secondary education, Sapp grew up in Zambia, a country in southern Africa.

"When I was younger, we lived in a really small

town of about 2,000," Sapp said. "My father was an administrator for IMB, a missions organization. For about 18 years he was the leader of a whole group of people. He would figure out where they would fit best, did a lot of the church planning and preaching in villages."

Sapp said he really enjoyed his upbringing, describing life in Zambia as an adventure.

"There was a lot to do, many outdoor activities," Sapp said. "I had a lot of good Zambian friends and when I was 6, we moved into the city. I went to an international school until high school. By then, all the teachers spoke English and all my classmates were from different countries. It was a lot of fun."

With a struggling Zambian health care system, strained by an ever-growing population, Sapp said he had five or six near-death experiences growing up.

"It is a risk factor of being in the Third World," Sapp said. "One time I fell about 15 feet off of a cliff when hiking. The nearest hospital was five hours away."

Sapp came to Wichita every summer and said that when it was time to make a permanent move, he already had experience with Americans.

"I had 55 classmates in high school from Canada and America, and so I kind of knew what America was all about when I came to K-State," Sapp said.

Sapp later became involved with Campus Crusade and continues his family's mission of spreading their faith with others. Sapp encourages students to consider volunteering and looking into mission opportunities abroad.

"The biggest point of advice I would share [with students] is to be a learner of culture," he said. "Open your mind, go to a different place and ask questions, understand their world view without imposing your own world view."

Elizabeth Hansen-Devaux, international programs adviser, said many opportunities exist for interested students looking to make a positive difference overseas.

"Almost all destinations have something available," Hansen-Devaux said. "When students arrive, most universities will have avenues available to get involved with the local community."

Hansen-Devaux also said pre-arranged packages are available for students where they can study, intern or volunteer.

For more information on K-State's student travel options, contact the Office of International Programs at 785-532-5990.



Sara Manco | COLLEGIAN

Katie Robinson shows off a T-shirt with the name of a Hungarian soccer team emblazoned across it as she reflects on her time overseas. Robinson's father was a missionary in Hungary, but their family moved back to the United States when Robinson enrolled at K-State.

Student entrepreneurs invited to enter contest

By Amanda Keim
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Students who have a plan for the "next big thing" will be able to prove it during a campus-wide entrepreneurial idea competition. The orientation session is Feb. 5 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in K-State Student Union 207.

Jeff Hornsby, Jack Vanier Distinguished Chair for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, said he has spearheaded the competition in an attempt to help students embrace the new entrepreneurship major coming in the fall. Hornsby also said he thought a competition would be a great way to engage students across campus.

"We're looking for anybody who has an idea that can be anything from opening a retail type of venture to an Internet business to a new invention that does something that's not being done already," Hornsby said.

The competition will be preceded by a series of seminars that will focus on different entrepreneurship topics and offer programs for competitors seeking help on their projects. Food will also be served at each seminar.

Hornsby said entrepreneurs tend to fare better in teams; therefore, both group and individual competitors are en-

couraged.

"We see opportunities because of something that happens to us, whether it's because we've had to wait in line too long or had problems with the computer," Hornsby said. "The competition evolves around students' abilities to assess ideas by looking at the market in terms of its competitiveness."

Hornsby said the competition will also focus on assessing the market in terms of whether or not people would pay for the created product. The financial and implementation feasibility of each project will be evaluated as well.

On April 24, the top eight competitors will present their projects and answer questions from professional entrepreneurs. Later in the afternoon, three finalists will face off again.

There will be two divisions of competition – open and technology. The winner of each division will receive \$2,500, with the runner-up winning \$1,250 and the third-place finisher receiving \$750.

The awards banquet will honor the winners of the competition and celebrate entrepreneurship within the Manhattan community.

"Whether you win or not is almost secondary to participating and learning about the entrepreneurial process," Hornsby said.

Russian ballet to perform

By Jelani Yancey
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The Russian National Ballet Theatre will perform vignettes from a variety of well-known ballets Saturday night at McCain Auditorium.

The performance, which will start at 7:30 p.m., is part of the 2008-09 McCain Performance Series.

The 35-member dance company was formed in the Soviet Union in the late 1980s, according to Thom Jackson, assistant director of McCain.

"The show will include scenes from Cinderella, Swan Lake, Sleeping Beauty and Don Quixote," Jackson said.

He said the program will be interesting because the company will perform excerpts from several different ballets.

"These will be major highlights of all of them," Jackson said.

Tickets for the performance are available at \$15 for K-State students and \$30 for the general public. McCain also offers discounts for K-State faculty, seniors and members of the military.

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Transport wars



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More buses needed to deal with growth



DREW MORRIS

We live in difficult economic and environmental times. Most college students have more luxury items than they admit to, and in the winter, luxury often takes the form of driving to class instead of walking or riding a bike. With Kansas weather and a shortage of other options, who can blame them?

K-State provides some transportation for students with the parking shuttle. The shuttle travels from Edwards Hall to the K-State Student Union and the KSU Foundation. This is a great start, but the university needs to expand the route and work together with the city of Manhattan to offer transportation throughout the entire town.

Increased public transportation means fewer vehicles on the road, which contributes to increased public safety. According to the American Public Transportation Association, providing public transportation can result in 200,000 fewer deaths, injuries and accidents when people use buses instead of cars.

The National Safety Council estimates that riding a bus is more than 170 times safer than automobile travel. Safety on the roads would be increased with more bus riders and fewer individual drivers.

Fewer cars also means shorter commute times. With the creation of hundreds of jobs at the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility, the population of Manhattan is expected to increase. With the new workers involved with the construction and operation of

the new facility, Manhattan's roads are likely to be more congested. We need a new transportation system capable of handling the new people, as well as more efficiently transporting those already here.

NBAF will bring new economic benefits to the community, something that can only be helped by public transit. According to the APTA, money invested in public transit operations returns yields up to \$6 for every \$1 spent.

Public transportation is less detrimental to the environment than personal cars. According to studies by the Environmental Protection Agency, cars and motorcycles constituted 55 percent of the carbon monoxide emissions in 1999. While public transportation in the form of buses would not eliminate carbon emissions, it would greatly reduce them. For every passenger mile traveled, public transportation creates only 5 percent of carbon monoxide emissions as compared with automobiles, according to the APTA. It won't completely eliminate carbon emissions, but it's a good start.

If we want Manhattan to be a safe, clean place to live with a good chance of economic growth and development, implementing a public transportation system would be a big step in the right direction.

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Additional funding not needed in Manhattan



JARED BETTS

When you buy consumer goods in Manhattan, you pay sales tax. In very few cases are people exempt from sales tax — some specific businesses have tax-exempt stamps and the soldiers at Fort Riley can buy goods on post without worrying about taxes — but these examples only represent the minority.

I hear people gripe about paying taxes, and sometimes I can't quite understand why there is so much discontent. I realize our local sales tax is used for services such as water, police and fire protection, as well as many other essential services, but these services are not the services people are distraught about supporting. Public transportation is the prime suspect in pinpointing people's negativity toward local sales tax.

The thought of using local sales tax revenue to support Manhattan's public transportation infrastructure is reasonable, but increasing the level of public transportation is not. Currently, the Riley County Area Transportation Agency provides the city and county with affordable transportation and has been doing so since 1976 with seven vehicles — four buses and three minivans. The funding for these great modes of transportation comes from various sources: local, state and federal taxes all subsidize the cost for the carpooling traveler.

But if Manhattan was to pursue a higher level of public transportation and add

more vehicles to the fleet, it would be quite detrimental to taxpayers. The city's tax rate is already at 7.3 percent, and certainly the idea of raising taxes in such economic turmoil to cover the costs of more public transportation would be bad policy.

Because of the economic burdens we face today, we must look toward privatization of certain services. Privatizing services in the transportation sector isn't necessarily needed in Manhattan, though it certainly was at one point. Taxi cab companies are a direct result of brilliant people with strong entrepreneurial ability and the desire to innovate to bring an essential service to the area. The idea of Manhattan toting more citizens from one end of the town to the other via public transportation brings to mind a controlling and socialist government.

If our market demands more means of transportation, then our market will respond to more means of transportation. The demand for public transportation is clearly not evident right now and I never foresee this happening. If so, I hope the demand is met by some ambitious person who has a snazzy, profitable business idea to help the Manhattan transportation system.

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Like a Lincoln Log.

I think I have a problem. I've never smoked weed, but I get the munchies every time someone talks about it.

The 12-2 in the morning DJ on 91.9 just said the word "um" over 50 times in the last three minutes.

Rowdy Jones? More like Rowdy rowdy piper.

How many people on the K-State campus have heard of a game called "Perfect World?" It's some free World of Warcraft thing.

You might be in a frat if you think it's cool to wear the same jacket as 100 other dudes at the same time.

Link + 0 = Janet.

To the Edward Cullen look-alike in my chemistry class: My name is Kate, and we should go on a date.

Marilyn Monroe and being a part of Phi Kappa Theta: JFK did both.

Words of wisdom: If you want something you've never had before, you have to do something you've never done before. That could get sticky.

To all of you calling in to dog on "You Suck": Shut your mouth. Some of us actually like humor.

It's strange when the girl comes crawling back to the guy saying, "Baby, I was wrong. Will you please take me back?"

Janet, will you be my Valentine this year?

To the helpful bicyclist on Denison who picked up my gloves when I was almost hit by a car: Thank you.

To the idiot who showed up in the 11:30 social welfare class stinking of weed: We could all smell it, and we want to know what the hell is wrong with you.

To the girl I about hit with my car coming out of Hale Library: You were hot and we should meet.

I just saw some girl sleeping in her car in the parking lot.

This is the eighth message I've left today. I think I'm an addict.

There's this boy I've seen around campus who has long beautiful blonde hair. Ponytail boy, this is biker girl, and I think you're adorable.

To the person who doesn't like the "You Suck" cartoons by Nolan and Jeff: You need to shut your face. I want to have Nolan's babies.

Adam Pham is a freaky fast sub maker.

Whoever said gangs are for fruits: You're just jealous because you're not in one.


Check out our Web site for the rest of today's Fourum.
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BEST OF THE FOURUM

The Fourum is to the K-State campus what pizza is to almost all college students — daily sustenance we couldn't get by without. Unlike greasy pepperoni pizza, we won't cause your jeans to fit too tight.

Here are the comments we thought were the best of the week.

"I hate the ShamWow guy."
He is in cohorts with Billy Mays. I'm super cereal.

"The Fourum has no penis."
Not only does the Fourum have a penis, but think of the paper cuts.

"The crows scare me."
Quoth the raven: "How original."

"I think I have a problem. I've never smoked weed, but I get the munchies every time someone talks about it."

Think what drugs and behavior does to the stoner crowd during class.

"My friend got into the Fourum five times in one day, and she won't tell me who she had to sleep with to do it."

My name is Ishmael.

"To all of you calling in to dog on 'You Suck:' Shut your mouth. Some of us actually like humor."

People who don't like "You Suck" blow.

"If you wanna be my lover, you have to get with my friends. But not literally."

Why deny your friends love? Group hug.

"I wanna take you to the gay bar."
Heck, yeah, Electric Six.

"To the idiot who showed up in the 11:30 social welfare class stinking of weed: We could all smell it, and we want to know what the hell is wrong with you."

Some people need weed for their social well-being.

"Is it bad that every time I see a skateboarder all I want to do is closeline them?"

Is it bad that every time a Frisbee lands near me I want to chuck it onto the top of a building?

Swagger key to victories



BRITTON DROWN

Following each victory for the Wildcats this season – 18 to be exact – it seems head coach Deb Patterson has consistently used the same word to describe her feelings.

Proud.

It's hard to blame her either, because it would be even harder to expect more out of her team.

The Wildcats have played above the expectations of many and they are in the midst of a historic 2009 season. With an 18-1 overall record and a 5-1 record in arguably the toughest conference in women's basketball, Patterson's team is playing with a veteran swagger.

It's that swagger that has led them to a No. 12 slot in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches poll and given them a target on their back within the Big 12 conference – a target only the Oklahoma Sooners have been able to hit. It enabled them to go on the road last week to steal victories in both Lubbock, Texas and Lawrence.

Yet, there is a need for the confident poise which the Wildcats have so effectively developed. It's needed to win in the Big 12 Conference.

It's not hard to develop that confidence by winning home games, but what defines a team is how it plays in a hostile environment.

Patterson has stressed the importance of road wins to her team throughout the season. She is aware of their importance and scheduled seven road games to test her Wildcats in the early portion of the season, and her team went 7-0.

Her team is now 2-1 in conference road games this season with the only blemish coming in Norman, Okla.

But why have the Wildcats played so well this season? How have they continued to find different ways to win games? What has fueled their confidence?

Where did this swagger come from?

Sure, they have great players and plenty of experience, but winning 17 of 18 games requires more than raw talent and experience.

I believe there is another aspect to this equation.

The Wildcats are out to prove people wrong.

They began this season predicted to finish seventh in the Big 12, a conference which they won just last year. The Wildcats have already defeated Iowa State in their first meeting this season, and the Cyclones were tabbed to finish third in the conference.

In athletics, one of the greatest feelings is proving critics wrong and the best, most effective way to do that is to win. Nineteen games into their schedule, the Cats have done that.

While they have run through their schedule at this point with the poise of a championship team, the Wildcats are about to be tested.

A quick peek at the remaining schedule for Patterson's team is highlighted by a February match-up at No. 4 Baylor and home games against both No. 7 Texas A&M and No. 16 Texas in March.

This stretch will truly test the Wildcats' poise and ability to grind out the final games of the regular season, but it will also provide a perfect opportunity to prove their critics wrong.

If the Wildcats keep their swagger through the remainder of their tough schedule, Deb Patterson will have plenty to be proud of.

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Unwelcome



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Ashley Sweat, K-State junior forward, goes up for a shot against Nebraska Tuesday in Bramlage Coliseum. Sweat finished with 18 points to lead the Wildcats.

Cats ready for hostile crowd in Ames

By Britton Drown
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Following a brief trip home, the No. 14 K-State women's basketball team will hit the road and head to Ames, Iowa to take on the No. 22 Iowa State Cyclones (15-4, 3-2 Big 12 Conference) in one of the conference's loudest arenas Saturday evening.

In their previous meeting this season at Bramlage Coliseum, the Wildcats (18-1, 5-1 Big 12) defeated the Cyclones, thanks to a strong second-half performance by senior point guard Shalee Lehning. After scoring a mere four points in the first half, Lehning caught fire and scored 18 points in the final 20 minutes of the contest.

Lehning said she was able to find a lot of open lanes in the second half of that game and will look to find the same success in Saturday's game. She finished with a game-high 22 points against the Cyclones during their Jan. 17 meeting.

"I'm just going to try and do what my team needs," Lehning said. "It just depends on what the defense is giving me. In the

second half they gave me a lot more open lanes, so I will have to make a read and decide what the defense is doing."

The Wildcats have proven throughout the season that challenging road games have little effect on them. K-State has accumulated a 9-1 record on the road this season, tying a school record for road wins in a season.

"We stay focused and we don't let things rattle us," Lehning said. "If the crowd goes nuts, then we just stay calm and do what we do because we understand that as long as we just play our game we still have a chance to win."

The Wildcats will find themselves in a tough environment Saturday. The Cyclones are averaging 9,029 fans per game at the Hilton Coliseum, more than any venue in the Big 12. They are 10-0 this season at home and are winners of 10 of their previous 12 games overall.

"It's obviously a huge challenge because I expect it will be a full house," said head coach Deb Patterson. "I think it will be big in that it will be the most hostile environment that we have competed in all year."

In the Cats' last action, a 51-40 win against Nebraska, Patterson was able to go to her bench by way of sophomore guard Shalin Spani who registered 18 points and hit pivotal 3-point shots. Spani finished the game with nine points.

Patterson said she will look to use bench production against the Cyclones, as she feels her team is discovering different ways to win basketball games.

"On the road up there, I think we are definitely going to have to depend on bench production because the emotional aspect of the game when you are playing in front of a full house pretty much dictates that there are going to be times when your starters are going to have to come (take a break) and go back in," Patterson said.

"So we will definitely have to have good contributions from them," she said.

The Cats will look to take the season series Saturday night against the Cyclones and keep their four-game winning streak alive. Tip-off for the game, which will be broadcast on 1350 KMAN, is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Wildcats travel to face Texas

By Brad Dornes
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

After winning back-to-back Big 12 Conference games, the K-State men's basketball team will take its show on the road this weekend as they travel to face the No. 12 Texas Longhorns Saturday.

K-State (13-7, 2-4 Big 12 Conference) won its first Big 12 game with an 77-75 overtime win over the Colorado Buffaloes last Saturday.

The Wildcats were able to carry that momentum into Wednesday's game against Missouri, as K-State came away with its second league victory.

"You can say this is the best 40 minutes we played this year," said sophomore guard Jacob Pullen. "We played well and had intensity."

K-State will look to keep that intensity as the team makes the 700-mile journey to Austin, Texas.

"That's how we've got to play," said head coach Frank Martin. "As young as we are, they've continued to believe and continued to work."

The 88 points the Wildcats scored on Wednesday night was the highest point total they have had since Big 12 play started. K-State also shot a scorching 53 percent from the field, including 54.5 percent from behind the 3-point arc.

K-State once again won the battle of the boards as the Wildcats out-rebounded the Tigers 39-35. K-State has now out-rebounded 17 of 20 opponents, including five of six Big 12 teams.

The Longhorns (15-4, 3-1 Big 12) come into Saturday's contest as winners of four of their last five Big 12 games. Their only loss came to the Oklahoma Sooners in Norman, Okla., on Jan. 12.

Texas is led by senior guard A.J. Abrams and junior guard Damion James. Abrams ranks seventh in the Big 12 in scoring at 17 points per game. James is also in the top 10 in scoring with 15.5 points per game and fifth in the Big 12 in rebounding with 8.4 per game.

The Longhorns are also at the top of the league in most defensive categories.

"Texas is pretty darn good," Martin said. "We have to go in there and figure out a way to fight and survive and try to figure out a way to compete with one of the better teams in the nation."

Tipoff is set for 3 p.m. Saturday and can be seen locally on KSNT Channel 7.

Women's tennis team begins spring season with home meet

By Steve Berklund
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The women's tennis team will open the regular season at 11 a.m. Saturday as it plays host to the Drake Bulldogs at the Cottonwood Racquet Club. The Wildcats are 6-4 all-time in matches against the Bulldogs and winners of five in a row in the series. The last time the Wildcats faced the Bulldogs, K-State was victorious in a 7-0 rout in January 2007.

The Wildcats are coming off a nonconference slate where they played in tournaments in Arkansas, Kansas, Indiana, New Mexico and Georgia.

Team captains for this year's squad include two 2008 Academic First Team All-Big 12 selections in senior Katerina Kudlackova and junior Natasha Vieira. Kudlackova saw action last year in the number two and three positions, while Vieira saw action in the number four and five positions in the lineup.

This year's team has a significant number of underclassmen on the roster. Five of the seven players on the women's tennis team are freshmen or sophomores, with sophomore Antea Huljev and freshman Mariya Slupska going 12-11 in the fall season.

After this weekend's match, the Wildcats will begin a four-game road test that includes stops in Boise, Idaho, and Wichita before returning to Manhattan on March 5 to face Brigham Young.



Katerina Kudlackova hits a forehand during a practice last spring. The women's tennis team opens its regular season this Saturday at home. The team faces the Drake Bulldogs at 11 a.m. at the Cottonwood Racquet Club.

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SUPER BOWLS

Stumped on what to serve at your annual football watch party? Check out any of these dips.

2. SPICED SWEET ROASTED RED PEPPER HUMMUS

- * 1 15-ounce can garbanzo beans, drained
 - * 1 4-ounce jar roasted red peppers
 - * 3 tablespoons lemon juice
 - * 1 clove garlic, minced
 - * 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
 - * 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- In an electric blender or food processor, puree the garbanzo beans, red peppers, lemon juice, garlic, cumin and cayenne. Process, using long pulses, until the mixture is fairly smooth and slightly fluffy. Make sure to scrape the mixture off the sides of the food processor or blender in between pulses. Transfer to a serving bowl and refrigerate for at least one hour. (The hummus can be made up to three days ahead and refrigerated. Return to room temperature before serving.) Sprinkle the hummus with the chopped parsley before serving.

1. BUFFALO CHICKEN DIP

- * 2 10-ounce cans chunk chicken, drained
 - * 2 8-ounce packages cream cheese, softened
 - * 1 cup ranch dressing
 - * 3/4 cup pepper sauce, such as Franks® Red Hot®
 - * 1 1/2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
- Heat chicken and hot sauce in a skillet over medium heat until heated through. Stir in cream cheese and ranch dressing. Cook, stirring until well blended and warm. Mix in half of the shredded cheese and transfer the mixture to a slow cooker. Sprinkle the remaining cheese over the top, cover and cook on low setting until hot and bubbly.

10. HOT BEAN DIP

- * 18-ounce package cream cheese, softened
- * 1 cup sour cream
- * 2 16-ounce cans refried beans
- * 1/2 1-ounce package taco seasoning mix
- * 5 drops hot pepper sauce
- * 1/4 cup chopped green onions
- * 18-ounce package shredded cheddar cheese

Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. In a medium bowl, blend the cream cheese and sour cream. Mix in refried beans, taco seasoning, hot pepper sauce, parsley, green onions and half the Cheddar cheese. Transfer the mixture to an 8-by-12 inch baking dish. Top with remaining Cheddar and Monterey Jack cheeses. Bake in the preheated oven 20 to 30 minutes, until cheese is slightly browned.

9. FONDUE

- * 2 cups milk
 - * 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
 - * 2 teaspoons ground dry mustard
 - * 1 clove garlic, peeled and crushed
 - * 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
 - * 6 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
- In a medium saucepan over low heat, mix together milk, Worcestershire sauce, ground dry mustard, garlic and flour. Heat until almost boiling. Gradually stir in Cheddar cheese. Continue heating until all the cheese has melted. Keep the mixture warm and melted in a fondue dish.

8. DAVE'S ULTIMATE GUACAMOLE

- * 4 avocados - peeled, pitted and sliced
- * 1/2 cup salsa
- * 1/4 tablespoon garlic powder
- * 1/2 teaspoon hot pepper sauce

Place the sliced avocados into a food processor. Set the processor on medium and slowly add salsa until the texture is lumpy. Add the garlic powder and hot sauce. Continue to process until smooth but not too runny. Salt to taste.



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7. SPINACH ARTICHOKE DIP

- * 1 14-ounce can artichoke hearts, drained and chopped
- * 1/2 10-ounce package frozen chopped spinach, thawed
- * 1/2 cup sour cream
- * 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- * 1/4 cup cream cheese

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. In a small baking dish, mix artichoke hearts, spinach, sour cream, mayonnaise, cream cheese and garlic. Cover dish. Bake until heated through and bubbly, about 25 minutes.

3. RED PEPPER TAPENADE

- * 1 7-ounce jar roasted red peppers, drained and chopped
- * 1 6-ounce jar marinated artichoke hearts, drained and chopped
- * 1/2 cup minced fresh cilantro
- * 1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- * 1/3 cup olive oil
- * 4 cloves garlic, chopped
- * 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

In the bowl of a food processor or blender, combine the red peppers, artichoke hearts, cilantro, Parmesan cheese, olive oil, garlic and lemon juice. Pulse until finely chopped and the mixture is blended. Transfer to a serving bowl and season to taste with salt and pepper. Cover and refrigerate for at least two hours before serving to blend the flavors.

4. ROASTED TOMATO SALSA

- * 12 Roma (plum) tomatoes
- * 2 cloves garlic, unpeeled
- * 1 small onion, quartered
- * 1 jalapeno chili pepper
- * 1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil
- * 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- * 3 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- * 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro

Preheat the broiler. In a medium baking dish, place Roma (plum) tomatoes, garlic, onion and jalapeno chili pepper. Drizzle with olive oil. Checking often, broil five to 10 minutes or until outsides of vegetables are charred.

Remove vegetables from heat. Remove and discard tomato cores, jalapeno stem and garlic skins. In a food processor, coarsely chop the charred vegetables. Transfer to a medium bowl and mix in cumin, salt, lime juice and cilantro.

5. BEAN AND CORN DIP

- * 2 cans white shoe peg corn
- * 2 cans black-eyed peas
- * 1 green pepper chopped
- * 1 green onion chopped
- * small bottle of Italian dressing
- * 2 smashed avocados
- * jalapenos to taste

Mix ingredients together.

6. CITRUS INFUSED GUACAMOLE

- * 2 avocados - peeled, pitted and mashed
- * 1/2 tablespoon lime juice
- * 1/2 tablespoon orange juice
- * 1/2 tablespoon pineapple juice

In a large bowl, stir together the avocados, lime juice, orange juice and pineapple juice. Mix in hot pepper sauce if using. Serve immediately or refrigerate until serving. Place one of the avocado pits into the bowl to help keep fresh.

—allrecipes.com

ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

'STAR TREK' CREATOR'S ASHES WILL BOLDLY GO WHERE FEW ASHES HAVE

Gene Roddenberry and his wife Majel Barrett Roddenberry are about to take their final trek together. "The Roddenberrys' ashes will be shot into space in about a year and a half, in accordance with their wishes," memorial spaceflight company Celestis Inc. said on Monday.

The "Star Trek" creator and his wife had been married for 22 years at the time of his death in 1991. Majel Barrett Roddenberry, often called "The First Lady of Star Trek" for her many acting appearances in the series and movies, passed away in December at the age of 76.

Roddenberry's ashes will be making the space trip for the second time; Celestis sent a portion of his cremated remains into space on a rocket flight in 1997. "That flight was sent into orbit around the Earth and eventually disintegrated upon re-entering the atmosphere. But Celestis will launch both Roddenberrys' remains into deep space, and the spacecraft will not fall back into Earth's orbit," said Susan Schonfeld, a spokeswoman for the company.

Celestis is offering fans a chance to say goodbye to the iconic pair — they can send a tribute message for the Roddenberrys at Celestis.com and those messages will be put into a digital file and sent into space along with the Roddenberrys' remains.

—popeater.com

MICHAEL JACKSON'S 'THRILLER' PLANNED FOR THE STAGE

Producer James L. Nederlander said he has acquired the rights for a stage version of Michael Jackson's iconic music-video spoof of horror films. The show will include songs from two of the pop king's best-selling albums, "Thriller" and "Off the Wall."

"The Nederlanders and Michael Jackson represent live theater and musical excellence, so let the music begin," Tohme Tohme, a spokesman for Jackson, said Monday in a statement.

"I love the idea of making 'Thriller' a musical. Girl meets boy, they fall in love, boy has big secret, now what?" said Nederlander, head of the company that owns nine Broadway theaters.

No word yet on who will write the

book for the show or what songs will be included in the production, or who will direct and choreograph.

—The Associated Press

GERI HALLIWELL ENGAGED TO YACHT-COMPANY OWNER

Spice Girl Geri Halliwell is engaged after a whirlwind romance, PEOPLE has confirmed. The redhead Ginger Spice, 36, is set to wed Italian yacht-company owner Fabrizio Politi, 34, who is said by one report to have given the singer a \$310,000 diamond ring.

The couple have been dating since they met in Florence in December. The engagement took place over the holidays, confirmed her reps. No wedding date has been announced.

A statement released to PEOPLE Tuesday by Halliwell's management company 19 says, "We are delighted to announce the engagement of Geri Halliwell and Fabrizio Politi. As a token of their commitment to each other, Fabrizio presented Geri with an engagement ring over the Festive Season."

"There are no immediate plans for marriage as the couple are enjoying their engagement."

Politi also has already shown he can be a hands-on partner — having been spotted carrying Halliwell's 2-year-old daughter, Bluebell Madonna, in a London street.

—people.com

MICKEY ROURKE CAUGHT MAKING OUT WITH EVAN RACHEL WOOD

Evan Rachel Wood, 21, has openly denied rumors that she was romantically involved with her "Wrestler" dad, Golden Globe winner Mickey Rourke, 56.

But ...

According to Fox News Pop Tarts, the pair were spotted at Grey Goose's official SAG after-party at the Shrine after the show. They then showed up at the late-night after-party at the Four Seasons Hotel.

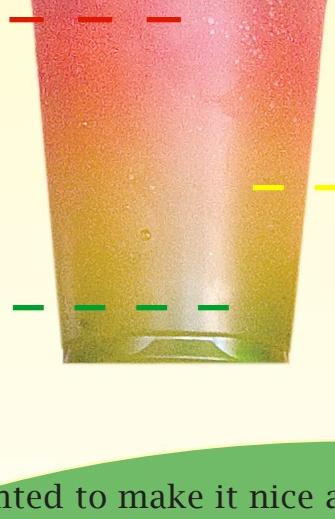
According to Pop Tarts spies, the actress "went upstairs with Rourke (whose second marriage ended over a decade ago) when he suddenly grabbed her for a lip-lock in the outside area of the swanky five-star hotel."

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MONEY | School officials anticipate more financial aid requests

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Moeder has visited with several students who have experienced financial difficulties because one of their parents lost a job. Moeder said parents have also expressed concerns about finding money for their children's education and he said he offers financial aid as a solution.

"Every single student can qualify for financial aid," Moeder said. "The type of financial aid, however, will vary by a family's income."

Ben Kohl, assistant director of Student Financial Assistance, said, "The Office of [Student] Financial Assistance has also established a professional judgment appeal process for students whose families might be struggling."

These families can complete a form, available online, to describe their special circumstances, such as an unexpected income loss, divorce or serious medical issues.

"We anticipate seeing more [appeals] this upcoming academic year," Kohl said.

LIMITED RESOURCES

Moeder said the office also anticipates an increase in the number of students who will be applying for financial aid for the next academic year.

"I think we will see students getting an increased amount of loans and grants for this coming academic year," Moeder said. "I do not think we will see an increase in scholarships since

those are merit-based."

He also said since the amount of available scholarship dollars is declining, the financial aid office expects a slight decrease, up to 10 percent, in scholarship money for the next academic year.

"Students currently receiving scholarships will see no reductions. The decrease will affect the amount of new scholarships only," he said.

Moeder also said the office expects more federal financial aid available in the future.

"We have not seen the shift in [federal funding] yet," he said. "An encouraging factor is the new administration. It is talking about increasing financial assistance to students."

Priority deadlines for financial aid applications are Feb. 1 for scholarships and March 1 for federal financial aid.

Moeder said funding available through financial aid originates from several sources. The university, the federal government and the State of Kansas all provide assistance. Donors give up to \$4 million per year in scholarships.

"Currently, 70 percent of K-State students receive some type of financial assistance," Moeder said. This funding comes in the form of grants, loans, scholarships or federal or campus payroll. Students receive a total of about \$180 million per year in financial aid.

WHERE TO FIND HELP

Students have also been voicing concerns about the future of their education outside the financial aid office.

Ask Willie, a question-and-answer service for K-State students, has now become an outlet for students' financial concerns.

"A lot of the questions that we see are from students that are struggling to find enough financial aid and are trying to find another way to make that work," said Bill Harlan, assistant coordinator of student activities and services.

About 15 percent of questions addressed to Ask Willie between Dec. 5 and Jan. 23 dealt with student anxieties about financing their educations, Harlan said. These questions revolved around how to secure more financial aid and the possibility of getting additional employment.

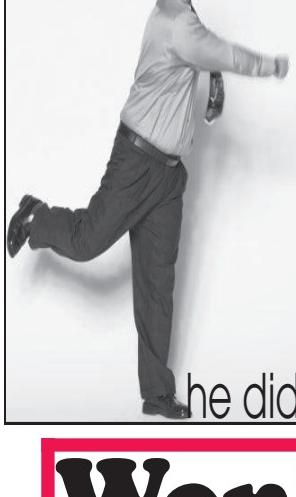
"In addition to the federal work-study, students can get a job with the campus payroll. The money available through these means amounts to \$15 million per year," Moeder said.

But since the university is trying to cut costs in a variety of ways, some students are losing their campus jobs. "A couple of my friends do not have jobs anymore as the departments are cutting back on their student worker positions," said Lydia Peele, student body president and senior in secondary education.

Peele said students are more likely to stay in school if they feel connected to the university. A job on campus provides this connection, but the situation is changing.

"It is a big concern of mine," Peele said. "Students are feeling the budget cuts sooner than other people."

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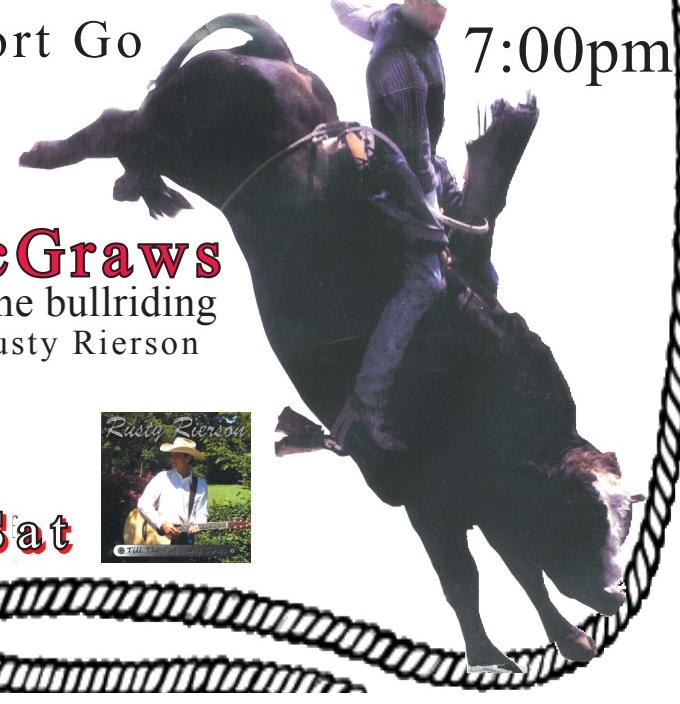
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privilege fee committee of 11 senators.

That one vote allowed it to reach the floor, but the senate could not reach a two-thirds majority on either proposal.

Even though the original bill did not pass, an amended bill to provide no budget increase also did not pass, meaning the budget is still undecided.

Justin McClarty, senior in accounting, led the negative debate.

at professors possibly losing jobs; what we need to protect is our education."

Haug later admitted that SGA does not control funding for faculty members.

Mark Andre, third-year student in architecture, rose to his feet during the debate.

"I would be remiss if I did not get up and speak for the interest of my constituents, who read the paper every day and thoroughly enjoy it," he said.

Chief of Staff Mary Fox, senior in political science, pointed out the potential loss in enrollment to the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications, which ties recruiting efforts to the quality and history of the Collegian and Royal Purple.

After both the original bill and the proposed amendment failed to pass, the senate voted to send the legislation back to the privilege fee committee. The bill will be discussed at the committee's Monday afternoon meeting and then presented to the senate again in the coming weeks.

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